

MR.E.D.CHAMBERS has been in correspondence with the secretary of the London Regional Passengers Committee and the following precis of the letter may be of interest to members.

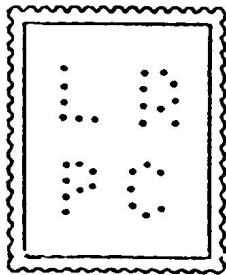
"The report in the Bulletin concerning 1st & 2nd class stamps used by the LRPC, perforated with their initials, is wrong. They would love to have a stock of 1st & 2nd class perfined stamps but Slopers for some reason claim they cannot buy sheets of these stamps - they are available, but apparently only from a few outlets and Slopers do not buy from these suppliers.

"The use of the perfined stamps is limited to when they send a letter, unsigned, to one of their leading members for signature and onward transmission. Their stock is ever diminishing and given the situation over the non-availability of 1st & 2nd class stamps, and the price charged for the work, they may not restock.

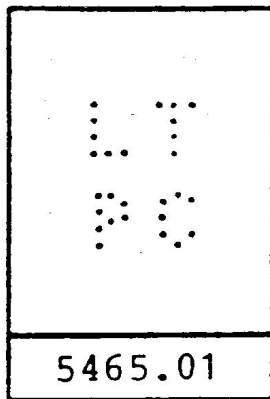
"Before the London Transport Passenger Committee closed (to iDe followed by the LRPC) the Secretary wrote to the Perfin Society giving details of all the Machin values known to him which were perfined LT/PC. The scarcest being the E1-30p value of which only one sheet was perfined and most of these were used on bulky packets to Members."

Two points came to mind when I was editing this letter. One was that the 1st & 2nd class stamps mentioned in Bulletin 271 Pg.8 could have been the 1p & 2p stamps which had been reported.

To back up this theory is the fact that 1p & 2p stamps as well were reported and the stamps on the envelope of the letter to Mr. E. Chambers were a 17p plus 2x1p - all perfined - making up the 2nd class postage rate.



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The second point of note is the actual perfin itself. If you look at the illustration of LR/PC as on page 28 of Bulletin 268, you will notice that the 'R' is a very odd shape. The previous committee, the London Transport Passengers Committee, also had a perfin, LT/PC, and it looks as if the 'R' has been made by removing the left hand pin of the 'T' cross piece and adding 4 pins to the right hand side of the upright of the 'T'. Apart from these 4 pins the two dies are identical.

The illustration in Bulletin 268 is slightly distorted as Roy did not have a loose stamp to photocopy at that time - only one on piece.